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DATE & TIME **09/05/09 2:55 AM**

Bureau: **Support Services Bureau**

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Incident: **Motor Vehicle Crash involving Fatality**

MESSAGE

On 09/04/2009 at 10:52 PM, Rockford Police responded to a serious one vehicle crash in the 2900 block of South Springfield Avenue.

Upon arrival, officers observed a 1999 black Harley Davidson motorcycle in the roadway ditch on the west side of the street. The operator of the motorcycle, a male 40 year old resident from Plainfield, Texas, was lying near the motorcycle, critically injured and unresponsive. He was immediately transported to Rockford Memorial Hospital by Rockford Fire Department where he later died from his injuries.

Preliminary accounts reveal that the motorcycle was southbound on Springfield Av in front of Lowe's Distribution Center. The motorcycle then left the roadway on the west side of the street, coming to rest in the ditch approximately 225 feet away.

The cause of the crash remains under investigation.

The victim's identity is being withheld pending notification of family.

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